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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 29 May 1958 in
Room 1006 M Building, Central Intelligence Agency

Meeting convened at 1000 hours.

There were present:

	Mr. Earl Cox	Army, Chairman
	Mr. Francis E. Azmbruster	Air Force
	CDR Richard D. Faubion	Navy
	LCDR H. L. Garren, Jr.	Navy
25X1A9a	[REDACTED]	CIA
	Lt. Col Lowell G. Moore	Army
	Mr. Clyde Perry	Army
25X1A9a	Dr. Gustav Pollaczek	State
	[REDACTED]	CIA
	Mr. William T. Staats	Air Force
25X1A9a	Mr. Ernst A. Van Es	Commerce (BFC)
	[REDACTED]	CIA, Secretary

Report of the Chairman

1. Information: Mr. Cox reported that he had been notified by the EIC Secretariat that the Preliminary Draft of EIC-P-8, "Soviet Bloc's 1955-1956 Military Transportation Capability to Launch and Support Campaigns Into the Area Between The Baltic and the Alps", which was forwarded to WSEG on 19 August 1954, adequately filled the WSEG request. Mr. Cox explained, however, that the Department of the Army feels that the revision and updating of the study now underway in the Transportation Capabilities Estimates Group (TCEG) is a useful project and desires its completion and publication as interdepartmental intelligence.

2. Action: The Subcommittee agreed to recommend that the Department of the Army, with the facilities of the TCEG, complete the revision and updating of EIC-P-8 and publish the study as an Army, ACSI, Intelligence Report. The appropriate departments and agencies of the EIC should continue to provide support to the TCEG, as appropriate, and the published report should contain a foreword identifying the participating departments and agencies together with an indication of their concurrences or reservations.

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3. Information: A discussion regarding the geographic scope of the "WSEG Study" ensued. Dr. Pollaczek felt that Austria should be included in the revision now underway.

4. Action: Dr. Pollaczek was requested to communicate his views to Mr. Farrell, Chairman of the TCEG.

5. Information: Mr. Cox reported further that he had been requested to attend the EIC meeting on 5 June 1958 at which time the parent committee would conduct a review of the activities of the Subcommittee. He stated that he would base his report on the annual report of the Subcommittee now being drafted by the Secretariat.

Report of the Secretary

6. Information: The Secretary said that he had received no comments on the minutes of the meeting on 24 April 1958, and assumed, therefore, that they are acceptable. He requested the cooperation of the membership in reviewing the annual report that must be submitted to the EIC Secretariat on 16 June. The draft annual report prepared by the Secretariat will be submitted to the membership the week of 1 June.

Report of the Chairman of the Working Group on Highway Capacity

7. Information: Mr. Perry, Chairman of the Group, reported that the paper on highway capacity is now in typing. He also provided the membership with an excellent briefing on the various tests that are planned in the motor transport field in order to determine the capabilities of various road surfaces and vehicles.

Discussion of Research Programs of Member Agencies, Including the NIS Program

8. Information: [REDACTED] reported on the Fiscal Year '59 program of CIA for research on Sino-Soviet Bloc transportation in the field of economic intelligence. The objectives of the CIA program are twofold: a. to prepare definitive studies on the economics of transportation which will contribute to the estimates of the capabilities, intentions and vulnerabilities of the Sino-Soviet Bloc, and b. to identify and evaluate functions in the transportation field that are or potentially may become competitive with similar functions of the free world. [REDACTED] presented the proposed program in great detail and stated how the various projects would serve to eliminate research deficiencies identified by the Subcommittee, and other research deficiencies that have become apparent since completion of the deficiency surveys by the Subcommittee.

9. Action: Because of the lateness of the hour the Subcommittee agreed to postpone the discussion of research programs in other agencies until the June meeting of the Subcommittee.

Presentation of Study on USSR Civil Aviation

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10. Information: [REDACTED] CIA, presented a study on this subject recently completed by the Transportation Branch. It was pointed out that this study illustrates one of the objectives of CIA's research program in transportation economics. The USSR has made considerable progress in developing civil aviation not only for use domestically but also for use internationally in competition with carriers of the Free World. The study analyzes the accomplishments achieved thus far and attempts to evaluate the future course of USSR civil aviation in domestic and international air transportation. Presentation of this paper stimulated questions and discussion of the problem.

11. Action: The Subcommittee expressed its thanks to [REDACTED] 25X1A9a for his presentation of this timely paper. The Secretary agreed to direct copies of the study to the Subcommittee members for their attention as soon as it is available for dissemination.

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